

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Passive venting apparatus and method for a rocket motor or ordnance device containing propellant or explosive material enclosed in a case, which presents an explosion hazard when subjected to external heat. A combustible strip is secured to

- 5 the exterior surface of the case and is constructed to burn and generate sufficient heat when exposed to predetermined external heat to weaken the adjacent portion of the case and effect rupture of the case to vent interior gases therein prior to autoignition of the propellant or explosive.

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